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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Albert Allen Demster of Glen Carbon, who passed away on June 17, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Albert Demster was born in Grand Tower on March 14, 1926 to Albert Ross and Cleta D. (nee Snider) Demster and raised in Chester; and

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WHEREAS, In May of 1944, Albert Demster joined the United States Naval Service, serving during World War II; during his Great Lakes training, he ranked third in long distance running and sixth in long distance swimming out of over 300 men in boot camp; he served as an aviation machinist's mate third class and was certified as a pilot; he served until October of 1947; he became experienced in operating heavy equipment, and, in 1953, went to Saudi Arabia to help build the country's infrastructure; and

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WHEREAS, Albert Demster gained experience with the Walbash Drilling Company, and, in 1955, he started his own business, Construction Drilling Company, which he and his wife operated until 2011, retiring at the age of 85; and

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WHEREAS, Albert Demster enjoyed riding his Harley with good

1 friend of the family, Red Meredith; he was an animal lover and
2 was always finding homes for stray dogs and cats, usually his
3 own home; he enjoyed caring for his horses and would care for
4 them till the end of their lives; and

5 WHEREAS, Albert Demster was preceded in death by his wife
6 of 66 years, Esther E. (nee Kayser) Demster; his parents; his
7 sisters, Margaret Colvis and Mary Lee Higginson; and his
8 brother, Everett "Pete" Demster; and

9 WHEREAS, Albert Demster is survived by his daughter, Linda
10 (Steven) Appel; his brother, Robert Demster; his
11 sisters-in-law, Mary Demster, Helen (Martin) Dooley, LuAnn
12 (John) Falbe, and Norma Kayser; and many nieces and nephews;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Albert Allen Demster, and extend our sincere condolences to his
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Albert Demster as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.